

**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article VI**

Adopted

March 27, 2023

Legislative Budget Board

By: Perry

Animal Health Commission, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Cattle Fever Tick Mitigation Clinical Trials

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/1/2023

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Animal Health Commission (TAHC) by \$87,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$229,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue for the purposes of conducting cattle fever tick mitigation clinical trials. The trials would be conducted in two phases. TAHC would complete phase one and phase two completion would require coordination with a state University.

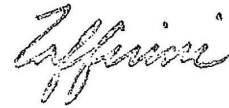
Required Action

- 1) On page VI-13 of the Animal Health Commission's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.2, Diagnostic/Epidemiological Support Services, by \$87,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$229,000 in fiscal year 2025.
- 2) On page VI-16 of the bill pattern for the Animal Health Commission, add the following rider:

_____. **Cattle Fever Tick Mitigation Clinical Trials.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above to the Animal Health Commission (TAHC) in Strategy A.1.2, Diagnostic/Epidemiological Support Services, include \$87,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$229,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue for the purposes of conducting cattle fever tick mitigation clinical trials that would evaluate the efficacy of three eprinomectin regimens for cattle fever tick control to determine if less frequent treatments can be used to effectively mitigate fever-ticks. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purposes.
- (b) Out of amounts identified in subsection (a), TAHC would evaluate dosing and withdraw periods in weaned beef heifers in phase one.
- (c) Out of amounts identified in subsection (a), TAHC shall transfer up to \$40,000 of the funds appropriated by this rider in fiscal year 2025 to a state University through an interagency contract to assist in conducting phase two of the clinical trials that would evaluate repeated dosing and withdraw periods in full herd settings.

By Zaffirini



Railroad Commission of Texas

Overview

The Following Action would require the RRC to report quarterly on their enforcement efforts.

Required Action

On Page VI-53, add a rider to require quarterly reporting on their website of enforcement and compliance efforts.

RIDER TITLE : Enforcement and Compliance Data and Public Information

Rider. Out of the monies appropriated to the Railroad Commission in Strategy D.1.1, Public Information and Services, the agency shall publish information about enforcement data on its website, including inspection and enforcement activity, violations and the amount of final enforcement penalties assessed to the operator. The agency shall also make available on its website quarterly trends of enforcement data, including the number of complaints received and how the complaints were resolved, the number and severity of violations sent for enforcement action, the number of violations sent for enforcement action for each Commission rule, and the number of repeat violations found for each operator.

Senate Finance Committee Riders - Article VI

Article XI

March 27, 2023

Legislative Budget Board

By: Hinojosa

Department of Agriculture, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider Trade Agricultural Inspection Grant Program

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Department of Agriculture by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue for the Trade Agricultural Inspection Grant Program.

This program was authorized with the passage of HB 2155 during the 86th Session, Regular Session, and reauthorized with the passage of HB 1371 during the 87th Session, Regular Session. The funds for this grant program are to reduce wait times for agricultural inspections of vehicles at ports of entry along the Texas-Mexico border.

Required Action

- 1) On Page VI-1 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.1., Trade & Economic Development, by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 2) On page VI-__ of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Trade Agricultural Inspection Grant Program. Out of the funds appropriated above to the Department of Agriculture in Strategy A.1.1, Trade & Economic Development, \$500,000 in fiscal year from General Revenue should be used to administer the Trade Agricultural Inspection Grant Program.

Ryan W. West By: West

Texas Department of Agriculture, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for SB 758

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 28, 2023

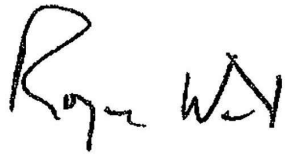
Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern of the Department of Agriculture to provide \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), with a new rider for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 758, eighty-eighth legislature, Regular Session, relating to food system security and resiliency planning, with a new rider making the appropriation contingent upon the enactment of the legislation.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-2 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), by \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 2) On page VI-12 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Contingency for SB 758.** Out of the amounts appropriated above and contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 758, or similar legislation relating to food system security and resiliency planning, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Department of Agriculture shall use \$25,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), to implement the provisions of the legislation.



By: West

Texas Department of Agriculture, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for SB 759

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 28, 2023

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern of the Department of Agriculture to provide \$307,990 in fiscal year 2024 and \$307,990 in fiscal year 2025 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 759, eighty-eighth legislature, Regular Session, establishing the office of food system security and resiliency, with a new rider making the appropriation contingent on the enactment of the legislation.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-2 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), by \$307,990 in fiscal year 2024 and \$307,990 in fiscal year 2025.
- 2) On page VI-12 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Contingency for SB 759. Out of the amounts appropriated above and contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 759, or similar legislation relating to the establishment of the office of food system security and resiliency, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Department of Agriculture shall use \$307,990 in fiscal year 2024 and \$307,990 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: K o l k h o r s t / M i l e s

Texas Department of Agriculture, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for SB 1348

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 2, 2023

Overview

In 2011, the Urban Farm Microenterprise Support Program was created to provide microloans of \$25,000 and \$50,000 to microenterprises in urban areas that are primarily engaged in:

1. Research into processes and technology related to agricultural production in an urban setting.
2. The production or development of tools or processes for agriculture in a manner suited for an urban setting.
3. Agricultural activities in a manner suited for an agricultural setting.

This rider increases appropriations in the bill pattern of the Department of Agriculture to provide \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.1, Trade and Economic Development, for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 1348, Eighty-eighth legislature, Regular Session, relating to the use of state money for the Urban Farm Microenterprise Support Program, with a new rider making the appropriation contingent upon the enactment of the legislation.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-1 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.1, Trade and Economic Development, by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 2) On page VI-12 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Contingency for SB 1348.** Out of the amounts appropriated above and contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 1348, or similar legislation, relating to the use of state money for the Urban Farm Microenterprise Support Program, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Department of Agriculture shall use \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue in Strategy A.1.1, Trade and Economic Development, to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Perry

**Department of Agriculture
Proposed Funding and Rider
Agricultural Disaster Relief Grants.**

3/02/2023

Overview

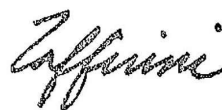
Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Department of Agriculture by \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from Coronavirus Relief Fund in a new Strategy A.1.3, Agriculture Disaster Relief, to provide block grant disaster relief funding for necessary expenses related to losses of revenue by cotton infrastructure as a consequence of natural disasters including drought for the 2022 crop year.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-2 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add a new Strategy A.1.3, Agriculture Disaster Relief.
- 2) On page VI-2 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase Coronavirus Relief Fund appropriations in Strategy A.1.3, Agriculture Disaster Relief, by \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 3) On page VI-12 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Agricultural Disaster Relief Grants.

- (a) Out of funds appropriated in A.1.3, Agriculture Disaster Relief, \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 in Coronavirus Relief State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 is appropriated for the purpose of providing block grant disaster relief funding for necessary expenses related to losses of revenue by cotton infrastructure as a consequence of natural disasters including drought for the 2022 crop year. The appropriation for this purpose ends on December 31, 2023.
- (b) Individual grants governed by this rider may not exceed \$500,000.
- (c) To be eligible for grants governed by this rider, the following conditions must be met:
 1. The purpose of the grant must be to maintain agricultural supply chain resiliency;
 2. The grant must be for land located on which losses occur in an area within a county identified by the United States Drought Monitor as having a D2 (Extreme Drought) for eight consecutive weeks or D3 (Exceptional Drought) during calendar year 2022; and
 3. The applicant must demonstrate a decline of at least 30.0 percent in gross receipts or gross revenue in calendar year 2022 in comparison to calendar year 2021.



By: Zaffirini

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Proposed Rider
Contingency for SB 40

Overview

The proposed rider and funding would appropriate \$5,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue and 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2025 to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the purposes of implementing the provisions of SB 40, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page VI-21 of the bill pattern for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, add the following new rider:

_____ **Contingency for SB 40.** Contingent on the enactment of SB 40, or similar legislation relating to the establishment of a boil water notice alert system, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is appropriated \$5,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue and 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2025 to implement the provisions of the legislation. Funds appropriated for this purpose may pay for salaries.

By: Perry

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for SB 296

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 24, 2023

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Commission on Environmental Quality to provide \$3,910,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,125,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.2, Water Assessment and Planning, with a new rider for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 296, relating to a requirement that the Commission on Environmental Quality obtain or develop updated water availability models for certain river basins contingent on the enactment of the bill.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-17 of the Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.2, Water Assessment and Planning, by \$3,910,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,125,000 in fiscal year 2025.
- 2) On page VI-27 of the Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

Contingency for SB 296. Out of the amounts appropriated above and contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 296, or similar legislation relating to Water Availability Models, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall use \$3,910,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,125,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue in Strategy A.1.2, Water Assessment and Planning, to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Perry

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for SB _____

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2023

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Commission on Environmental Quality to provide \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, with a rider for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill _____, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-17 of the Commission on Environmental Quality's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 2) On page VI-27 of the Commission on Environmental Quality's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Contingency for SB _____. Amounts appropriated above to the Commission on Environmental Quality in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment, include \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue contingent upon enactment of Senate Bill _____, relating to a study of the effects of the operation and disposal of solar, wind turbine, and energy storage equipment, to implement the provisions of the bill.

Amended in Article XI

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, ARTICLE VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Centennial State Park Conservation Fund**

Overview

With a burgeoning population and lack of park access, adding a significant investment in parkland acquisition could help Texas prepare for the coming decades.

The following action adds a new rider that would allocate funds to the Centennial State Park Conservation Fund.

The JR provides that the money in the centennial parks conservation fund may be used only "for the creation and improvement of state and local parks and the conservation of land, water, and soil in this state."

The language of the enabling act is more tailored to the existing language of the Parks and Wildlife Code:

- (1) acquire state park sites from the United States or any of its agencies, agencies of the state, or any other person;
- (2) improve, develop, beautify, and equip acquired park sites; and
- (3) provide grants to political subdivisions for local parks as provided by Chapter 24.

Required Action

1) On Page VI-39 of Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add a new strategy D.1.4, Centennial State Park Conservation Fund.

2) On Page VI-39 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase appropriations from the Centennial State Park Conservation Fund in Strategy D.1.4, Centennial State Park Conservation Fund, by \$_____ in fiscal year 2024 and \$_____ in fiscal year 2025.

3) On Page VI-52 of Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Contingency for Senate Bill 1648 and Senate Joint Resolution 74.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy D.1.3, Centennial State Park Conservation Fund, include \$_____ in fiscal year 2024 and \$_____ in fiscal year 2025 from the Centennial State Park Conservation Fund contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 1648 and Senate Joint Resolution 74, or similar legislation relating to the establishment of the Centennial State Park Conservation Fund, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall allocate a total of \$_____ in fiscal year 2024 and \$_____ in fiscal year 2025 from funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.4 to implement the provisions of the legislation. Appropriations to and expenditures from the Fund are constitutionally dedicated and do not count toward the state spending limit.

By: Hall

Bob Hall

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Contingency for Senate Bill 312**

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 23, 2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in the bill pattern of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) by \$_____ in fiscal year 2024 and \$_____ in fiscal year 2025 with a new rider for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 312, or similar legislation relating to the assessment, destruction, disposal, and release of certain deer, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.1, Wildlife Conservation, by \$_____ in fiscal year 2024 and \$_____ in fiscal year 2025.
- 2) On page VI-53 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____ **Contingency for Senate Bill 312.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy A.1.1, Wildlife Conservation, include \$_____ in fiscal year 2024 and \$_____ in fiscal year 2025 from the General Revenue Fund contingent upon enactment of Senate Bill 312, or similar legislation relating to the assessment, destruction, disposal, and release of certain deer by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session. The agency shall use the funds to implement the provisions of the legislation.

By: Perry

Texas Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Rider
Contingency for SB 1047

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 27, 2023

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Water Development Board by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 1047, relating to the Texas Produced Water Consortium, contingent upon its enactment.

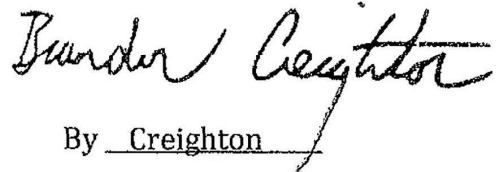
Required Action

1) On page VI-64 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.1.1, Statewide Water Planning, by \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2025.

2) On page VI-72 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Contingency for SB 1047.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in Strategy B.1.1, Statewide Water Planning, include \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 1047, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, or similar legislation, relating to the Texas Produced Water Consortium, contingent upon enactment of Senate Bill 1047. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, for the same purposes.
- (b) It is the intent of the legislature that TWDB transfer the funds appropriated by this rider to Texas Tech University through an interagency contract to implement the provisions of the legislation. Funds appropriated by this rider may only be used for the purposes of entering into the interagency contract specified.


By Creighton

Water Development Board, Article 6
Lake Houston Spillway Dam Improvement Project

Overview

The following action directs \$150 million from FY 2024 to support the Lake Houston Spillway Dam Improvement Project. During Hurricane Harvey, Lake Houston's outdated dam gates were overwhelmed, with water being discharged at 425,000 cubic feet per second. The current dam gates are only able to release water at 10,000 cubic feet per second. Funding this project would allow for 11 new gates to be built, significantly increasing the discharge rate and giving the City of Houston an important tool for flood mitigation.

Required Action

1. On page VI-64 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Water Development Board's bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding to Strategy C.1.1, STATE & FEDERAL ASSIST PROGRAM, by \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2024:

| | 2024 | 2025 |
|--|----------------------|--------------|
| C.1.1. Strategy: STATE & FEDERAL ASSIST PROGRAM | \$ 42,731,833 | \$11,510,410 |
| | <u>\$192,731,833</u> | |

2. On page VI-72 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

_____. **Lake Houston Spillway Dam Improvement Project.** Included in amounts appropriated above is \$150,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy C.1.1. STATE AND FEDERAL ASSIST PROGRAM, for the purposes of structural improvements to the Lake Houston Dam Spillway in order to prevent future flooding and extend the life of the facility. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

Senate Finance Committee Riders - Article VI

Not Adopted

March 27, 2023

Legislative Budget Board

By: Perry

Department of Agriculture
Proposed Funding and Rider
Farmer and Rural Health Suicide Prevention Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, 2/28/2023

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Department of Agriculture by \$500,000 in 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue in Strategy A.2.2, Rural Health, to increase funding for the Farmer and Rural Health Suicide Prevention Program.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-2 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.2.2, Rural Health, by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025.
- 2) On page VI-12 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

____. **Farmer and Rural Health Suicide Prevention Program.** Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Agriculture in Strategy A.2.2, Rural Health, include \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue to provide funding for the Farmer and Rural Health Suicide Prevention Program.

By: Perry

**Department of Agriculture
Proposed Funding and Rider
Rural and Agriculture Innovation Fund.**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/02/2023

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Department of Agriculture by \$6,000,000 each fiscal year from General Revenue in Strategy A.1.2, Rural Community and Economic Development, for a rural and agriculture innovation fund to provide for research, program development, and the creation of new technologies to address present and future challenges in the beef, dairy, and crop production industries related to workforce and food safety, skills gaps, climate change, water and resource scarcity, and national security.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-1 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.1.2, Rural Community and Economic Development, by \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2025.
- 2) On page VI-12 of the Department of Agriculture bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

____. Rural and Agriculture Innovation. Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Agriculture in Strategy A.1.2, Rural Community and Economic Development, include \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue to provide for research, program development, and the creation of new technologies to address present and future challenges in the beef, dairy, and crop production industries related to workforce and food safety, skills gaps, climate change, water and resource scarcity, and national security.

By: Whitmire

**Department of Agriculture
Proposed Funding and Rider
Support Funding for the Houston Food Bank**

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 2, 2023

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Department of Agriculture to provide \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), with a rider to provide a grant for the Houston Food Bank for the creation of a new health, nutrition and community center.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-2 of the Department of Agriculture's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), by \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 2) On page VI-12 of the Department of Agriculture's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Houston Food Bank. It is the intent of the legislature that out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance (State), \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 shall be used to provide a grant to the Houston Food Bank for the purpose of creating a new health, nutrition and community center.



By: Senator Zaffirini

Texas Department of Agriculture, Article VI
Funding to Support Increased Access to School Meals

Overview

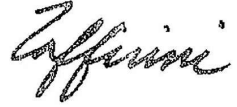
The following action adds a new rider that directs \$15.8 million in each year of the biennium out of General Revenue to the Texas Department of Agriculture to eliminate costs for reduced price breakfasts and lunches as part of the state's share of the federal school nutrition assistance programs. This funding will impact approximately 230,000 children who fall between 130-185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) by allowing them access to school meals with no cost to their families. Nearly one in four children in Texas lives in a food insecure home. Funding this program can help alleviate the financial burden on low-income working families, which can help to reduce unpaid meal debt; eliminating reduced-price copayments provides relief to local school districts as well.

Required Action

On page VI-xxx of the Texas Department of Agriculture bill pattern, add the following new rider to increase funding in Strategy C.1.2 Nutrition Assistance (State) by \$31.6 million.

____. **Elimination of Reduced Price Meals.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2 Nutrition Assistance (State) is \$15.8 million in General Revenue in each year of the 2024-25 biennium to fund coverage of reduced price breakfasts and lunches for eligible school children. Funding appropriated shall be deposited directly to the non-profit school food service account.

By: Zaffirini



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Proposed Rider

Overview

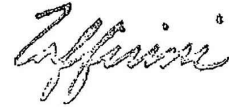
The proposed rider and funding would appropriate \$250,000 each year of the 2024-25 biennium from General Revenue to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the purposes of implementing ethylene oxide equipment and monitoring at sterilization plants in Laredo.

Required Action

On page VI-21 of the bill pattern for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, add the following new rider:

- _____ For the purposes of implementing ethylene oxide equipment and monitoring at sterilization plants in Laredo, by the Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is appropriated \$250,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2024 and \$250,000 in General Revenue for fiscal year 2025. Funds appropriated for this purpose may pay for salaries.

By Zaffirini



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, ARTICLE VI

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs TCEQ to address its backlog of TMDL for impaired waters of the state. With nearly half of the state's miles of streams, rivers and reservoirs on the state's list of impaired waters, action is needed to direct TCEQ to take further action to jumpstart this backlog.

Required Action

On Page X of Agency Texas Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern, add the following new rider:

RIDER TITLE : Addressing the backlog of Total Maximum Daily Load Development

(a) Out of funds appropriated above the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall publish guidance in public view on the TCEQ website that sets prioritization criteria for Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) projects. These criteria must include length of time a segment is on the impaired waters list, and the severity of risks to human health and the environment. The goal of this prioritization is to efficiently remediate segments so that impaired segments are removed from the impaired waters list.

(b) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall prioritize use of funds appropriated for Strategy A.1.2. to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for impaired waters.

By: Hinojosa

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Article VI
Proposed Rider and Funding
Bays & Estuaries Program

Overview

The proposed rider and funding would provide \$880,000 each fiscal year, or \$1,760,000 for the 2024–25 biennium, in General Revenue funding to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program and the Galveston Bay Estuary Program.

In recent years, the Texas Coast has seen a rapid increase in development around its bay systems, which is being driven by population growth and industrial expansion. As a result, increased efforts are needed to ensure that we maintain a healthy and productive coast that continues to support the local, state and national economy.

The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program has received the same level of annual funding (\$560,000) for over 12 years from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which is responsible for helping to administer both of the State’s National Estuary Programs. Increasing the annual funding available from \$560,000 to \$1,000,000 would help ensure the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program has the resources it needs to appropriately address the growing environmental pressures in the Coastal Bend. The same increase is needed for the Galveston Bay Estuary Program to address the additional pressures in that region as well.

Required Action

On page VI-__ of the bill pattern for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

____. **Estuaries Program.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is appropriated \$880,000 in General Revenue funding in each fiscal year of the 2024–25 biennium for the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program and the Galveston Bay Estuary Program.

By:

Menéndez

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Supercritical Carbon Dioxide (sCO₂) Transformational Electric Power (STEP) Project

Overview

Winter Storm Uri exposed the critical need for a reliable and resilient electric grid. The U.S. Department of Energy-led Supercritical Carbon Dioxide (sCO₂) Transformational Electric Power (STEP) Project was awarded to build and operate a test facility in Texas to commercialize sCO₂ technologies that will supply the next generation of higher efficiency, low-cost, and low emissions electric power.

Funding the STEP project will shorten the timeline for the commercialization of sCO₂ generators by accelerating the development of this technological improvement over traditional water/steam power cycles, resulting in lower costs and emissions for the same amount of power produced. sCO₂ technology allows for more compact components in power plants, reducing capital costs, plant size, footprint, and quick-starting generation.

In 2019, the state funded \$4 million of the original \$16 million state matching request, complimenting more than \$125 million in federal investment and \$40 million in private funding. However, the remaining \$12 million is needed to finalize the state's investment, to close out the funding needs for the project and fully commissioning the facility.

Required Action

On page XX of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality bill pattern, add the following rider:

Rider ____. **Emission Reductions Technologies using Supercritical Carbon Dioxide.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, include \$12,000,000 in General Revenue funding in fiscal year 2024 to support projects that reduce emissions through improvements in energy production efficiency using supercritical carbon dioxide, in furtherance of attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone and other pollutants, and to commercialize and deploy supercritical carbon dioxide technologies to reduce air pollutants and achieve attainment with federal air quality standards.



By: Zaffirini

Commission on Environmental Quality
Proposed Rider
Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Annual Report
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/2/2023

Overview

Amend Rider 28, Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Annual Report, in the bill pattern for the Commission on Environmental to require the agency to include a comparative analysis of its reported use of TERP funds and the report produced by the Department of Transportation on its use of TERP funds.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-27 of the Commission on Environmental Quality's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, amend the following rider:
28. **Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Annual Report.** In addition to other reporting requirements, the Commission shall produce an annual report on its expenditures, number of projects, and the estimated pollution reduced, and the cost-effectiveness of each program authorized as part of TERP that are spent out of the TERP Trust Fund. The report must include an analysis of the report by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on the use of TERP funds for congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects in nonattainment areas and affected counties. The annual report must be delivered to the Legislative Budget Board, and Governor's Office by December 1 of each year.



By: Zaffirini

Commission on Environmental Quality
Proposed Funding and Rider Amendment
Air Quality Planning.
Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/2/2023

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Commission on Environmental Quality to provide \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2024 and 1,250,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, and modify rider 7, Air Quality Planning, to require the agency to increase funding for Air Quality planning, include fine particulate matter in the list of pollutants targeted for reduction and expand on the list of permitted activities.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-17 of the Commission on Environmental Quality's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, by \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2025.
- 2) On page VI-27 of the Commission on Environmental Quality's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, amend the following rider:
7. **Air Quality and Planning.** Amount appropriated above include ~~\$7,000,000~~\$4,500,000 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, for air quality planning activities to reduce ozone and fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in "affected counties" (as defined in Texas Health and Safety Code Section §386.001(2)) not designated as nonattainment areas for the O3 and PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) as of September 1, 2023 and other areas at significant risk of being designated nonattainment for the O3 and PM2.5 NAAQS in the future as approved by the Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). These activities may be carried out through interlocal agreements.

Expenditure of these funds are limited to: inventorying emissions, monitoring of pollution levels, air pollution data analysis; modeling pollution levels; identification, quantification, and planning to support local pollution reduction controls; and administration of the program. The TCEQ shall allocate a base amount of ~~\$400,000~~\$281,250 to each state planning region containing such areas and the remaining funds proportionally to each state planning region with a combined population of affected counties in excess of 350,000. Grants issued from appropriations identified in this rider should require that no more than 10 percent of the allocation be used for administrative purposes and prohibit the expenditure of the following: marketing and outreach activities bicycle use programs, carpooling awareness, environmental awareness campaigns, and similar locally-enforceable pollution reduction programs. The grant recipients shall channel the funds to those projects most useful for the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

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For informational purposes, the affected counties that are not designated “nonattainment” for the O₃ or PM_{2.5} NAAQS as of September 1, 2023 include Bastrop, Caldwell, Comal, ~~El Paso~~, Gregg, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hood, Hunt, Jefferson, Nueces, Orange, Rusk, San Patricio, Smith, Travis, Upshur, Williamson, and Wilson Counties. Additional “attainment/unclassifiable” areas ~~shall may also~~ be added by TCEQ to this grant program based on their status as being part of a core-based statistical area (CBSA) with O₃ design values in excess of 60 parts per billion (ppb), an annual PM_{2.5} design value in excess of 8 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³), or 24-hour PM_{2.5} design value in excess of 25 µg/m³.

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By: Zaffirini

Commission on Environmental Quality

Proposed Rider Amendment

Aggregate Operations

Prepared by LBB Staff, 3/2/2023

Overview

Amend Rider 21, Aggregate Operations, in the bill pattern for the Commission on Environmental Quality to require the agency to adopt and publish on its internet website the best management practices for aggregate production operations regarding public health impacts of aggregate production.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-25 of the Commission on Environmental Quality's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, amend the following rider:
 21. **Aggregate Operations.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Field Inspections and Complaint Response, to the Commission on Environmental Quality shall be used to adopt and make accessible on the commission's internet website best management practices for aggregate production operations regarding public health impacts and nuisance issues relating to dust, noise, and light, and to conduct aerial observations at least twice per fiscal year to ensure enforcement of existing statutes and rules relating to aggregate operations.

By: Perry

General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Lubbock, Texas

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2023

Overview


Increase General Revenue appropriations in the bill pattern of the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board by \$2,164,000 in fiscal year 2024 and the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) by 1.0 each fiscal year with a new rider for the purpose of paying operational costs for the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Lubbock, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-28 of the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) by 1.0 each fiscal year.
2. On page VI-29 of the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.3, Veterans' Cemeteries, by \$2,164,000 in fiscal year 2024.
3. On page VI-36 of the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board bill pattern of Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Lubbock, Texas.** Amounts appropriated above to the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board in Strategy C.1.3, Veterans' Cemeteries, include \$2,164,000 in fiscal year 2024 from the General Revenue Fund and 1.0 FTE in each fiscal year for the purpose of operational and salary costs for the newly approved cemetery in Lubbock, Texas. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

By



GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Article VI – NATURAL RESOURCES
Veterans' Homes Program


Overview

The following adds a new rider that directs \$4,650,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,350,000 in fiscal year 2025 to appropriate exceptional item request funding to cover increased nursing home operational costs at the Texas State Veterans Homes (TSVH) in order to avoid an increase to resident room rates.

Required Action

On page VI-36 of the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board bill pattern, add the following new rider:

24. Appropriation: State Veterans' Homes Program. In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2 State Veterans' Homes, \$4,650,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,350,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated out of General Revenue to maintain and operate the State Veterans' Home Program to eliminate any out-of-pocket rate increase to residents beyond increases in third party payments, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs per diem. In the event that a rate increase is needed, the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board will notify the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office at least 30 days prior to the enactment of any rate increase.

By 

***GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Article VI – NATURAL RESOURCES
Veterans' Cemetery Program***

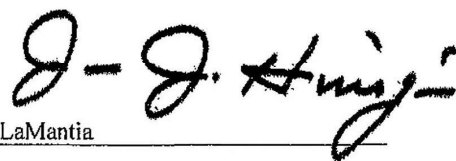
Overview

The following adds a new rider that directs \$1,082,000 in each fiscal year to appropriate exceptional item request funding to support operational costs for a new State Veterans Cemetery in Lubbock, Texas. The GLO has been awarded a grant by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to establish the new State Veterans Cemetery. The unserved veteran population in the region is approximately 21,500 veterans.

Required Action

On page VI-35 of the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board bill pattern, add the following new rider:

- 23. Appropriation: State Veterans' Cemetery Program.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3 State Veterans' Cemeteries, \$1,082,000 in each fiscal year is appropriated out of General Revenue and one Full-time equivalent (FTE) to maintain and operate the State Veterans' Cemetery in Lubbock.


By: LaMantia

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grants for Local Parks

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 3, 2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$5,325,000 in fiscal year 2024 with a new rider for the purpose of providing grants for the Olmito Nature Park and the Pedro "Pete" Benavides County Park in Cameron County.

Required Action

1. On page VI-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$5,325,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VI-53 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Grants for Local Parks. Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include General Revenue funding in fiscal year 2024 for the following local parks in the following amounts. Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated in General Revenue for these grants as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

- (a) \$3,800,000 for Olmito Nature Park; and
- (b) \$1,525,000 for Pedro "Pete" Benavides County Park.

By: J. J. Huiji
LaMantia

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grants for Local Parks and Recreational Projects

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 3, 2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, and Strategy B.2.2, Boating Access and Other Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 with a new rider for the purpose of providing grants for parks and recreation facilities in Alamo, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$300,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VI-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.2, Boating Access and Other Grants, by \$700,000 in fiscal year 2024.
3. On page VI-53 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Grants for Local Parks and Recreational Projects. Out of amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in General Revenue:

- (a) in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, in fiscal year 2024, is provided for the following local parks and projects in the following amounts:
 - (1) \$200,000 for Lion's Park; and
 - (2) \$100,000 for Villagomez-Alaniz Park.
- (b) in Strategy B.2.2, Boating Access and Other Grants, in fiscal year 2024, \$700,000 shall be used for the purpose of providing a grant to the Alamo Sports Complex Trail Renovation.
- (c) Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

By: Hinojosa

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI
Proposed Rider
Grants for Local Parks

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1., Local Parks Grants, of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 with a new rider for the purpose of providing grants for the Multi Use Complex in the City of Alice.

Required Action

1. On Page VI-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue Funds in Strategy B.2.1., Local Parks Grants, by \$500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VI-XX of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider.

_____. **Grants for Local Parks.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include General Revenue funding in fiscal year 2024 for improvements in and around the Multi Use Complex in the City of Alice. Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated in General Revenue for these grants as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

By: Hinojosa

Parks and Wildlife Department, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider Center for Urban Ecology at Quinta Mazatlan

Overview

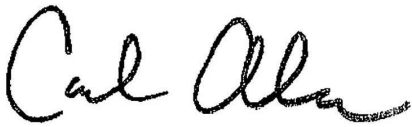
Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Parks and Wildlife Department by \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue for a grant for the Quinta Mazatlan Center for Urban Ecology with a new rider restricting funding in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, for this purpose.

The Center for Urban Ecology at Quinta Mazatlan is a regional environmental community center located in the Rio Grande Valley that will foster ecological education, enhance preservation, and expand tourist and economic benefits. The center envisions 14 acres of educational space for school-aged children, university students and ecologists/urban planners, an interactive educational outdoor teaching pavilion, classroom and amphitheater, a visitor's center and connections to a series of hiking and nature trails.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-38 of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 2) On page VI-__ of the Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

____. **Center for Urban Ecology at Quinta Mazatlan** . Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, \$7,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the Center for Urban Ecology at Quinta Mazatlan.



By: Alvarado



Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Grants for Local Parks

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$2,850,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of providing grants for Mason Park, Charlton Park, and Garden Villas Park in Harris County.

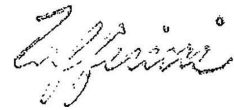
Required Action

1. On page VI-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, by \$2,850,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VI-53 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Grants for Local Parks.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include General Revenue funding in fiscal year 2024 for the following local parks in the following amounts. Any unobligated and unexpended balances for these grants remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

- (a) \$2,000,000 for Mason Park; and
- (b) \$850,000 for Garden Villas Park.

By Zaffirini



Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, ARTICLE VI

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that would direct TPWD to conduct a population study of mountain lions.

Required Action

On Page VI-52, add the following new rider to TPWD bill pattern:

RIDER TITLE : Study of Mountain Lion Populations

Utilizing existing resources in A.1.1 Wildlife Conservation, the TWDB will enact or contract for a study of the existing population of Mountain Lion populations that live or migrate through the State of Texas. The study should be shared with any working or advisory group working on Mountain Lion management as well as with the relevant committees of the Texas Legislature by no later than December 1, 2024.

By: Perry

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Proposed Funding and Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 25, 2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$110,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of purchasing the Fairfield Lake State Park property.

Required Action

1. On page VI-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, by \$110,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VI-53 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Fairfield Lake State Park. Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, include \$110,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue for the purpose of purchasing the Fairfield Lake State Park property. Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated in General Revenue for this purpose as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

By: Perry

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Proposed Funding and Rider

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 23, 2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of providing grants through the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program (TFRLCP).

Required Action

1. On page VI-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VI-53 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Appropriation: Texas Farm and Ranch Land Conservation Program (TFRLCP). Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy D.1.2, Land Acquisition, include \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue for the purpose of providing grants through the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program (TFRLCP). Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated in General Revenue for TFRLCP grants as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

By: Senator Kolkhorst

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Proposed Funding and Rider
Habitat and Angler Access Program

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 1, 2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy A.2.1, Inland Fisheries Management, of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 and the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) by 1.0 each fiscal year with a new rider for the purpose of enhancing the Habitat and Angler Access Program.

Required Action

1. On page VI-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase the Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) by 1.0 each fiscal year.
2. On page VI-38 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy A.2.1, Inland Fisheries Management, by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025.
3. On page VI-53 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Habitat and Angler Access Program. Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy A.2.1, Inland Fisheries Management, include \$500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the General Revenue Fund and 1.0 FTE in each fiscal year for the purpose of expanding the Habitat and Angler Access Program to additional lakes within the state. Any unobligated and unexpended balances from these funds remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

By Zaffirini



Railroad Commission of Texas

Overview

The Following Action would increase the number of inspectors inspecting oil and gas wells and associated equipment

Required Action

On Page VI-53, add an additional \$5,000,000 per fiscal year under method of finance from GR Dedicated - Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155 and on page VI-60, add the following new rider to RRC bill pattern:

RIDER TITLE : Increase the number of Inspectors at the Commission

Rider. The Commission is appropriated an additional \$5,000,000 per fiscal year from the GR Dedicated - Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155 for Strategy C.1.1 Oil/Gas Monitor & Inspections for the purpose of hiring additional inspectors for oil and gas well inspections, including monitoring of abandoned, orphaned and plugged wells.

By Hinojosa

**Texas Water Development Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Sewer Relocation Infrastructure Improvements – South Texas International Airport
at Edinburg, Texas**

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of implementing sanitary sewer improvements at South Texas International Airport in the City of Edinburg, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page IV-64 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, 88th Legislature, Regular Session – Introduced, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page IV-72 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, 88th Legislature, Regular Session – Introduced, add the following new rider:

____. **Sewer Relocation Infrastructure Improvements – South Texas International Airport in the City of Edinburg, Texas.** Included in amounts appropriated above \$4,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of implementing sanitary sewer improvements necessary to accommodate the airport's growth, as well as, the development within the surrounding area within the City of Edinburg. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

By: LaMantia

Texas Water Development Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Lift Station Upgrades

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 2, 2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of upgrading a lift station in the City of Alamo, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-64 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VI-72 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Lift Station Upgrades. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$2,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of upgrading a lift station for the City of Alamo. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

By:  Sen. LaMantia

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider Santa Rosa Regional Detention Facility Project

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Water Development Board by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue for a grant for the Santa Rosa Regional Detention Facility Project with a new rider restricting funding in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for this purpose.

Cameron County Drainage District No. 6 was created as a response to repeated catastrophic flooding events over the last decade in La Feria, Santa Rosa, Combes, and surrounding areas in Cameron County. These funds are for the construction of the 34-acre Santa Rosa Regional Detention Facility. They will be used to widen approximately 1 mile of the District's primary drainage channel, the Parker Drain.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-64 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 2) On page VI-___ of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

_____ **Santa Rosa Regional Detention Facility Project.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the Santa Rosa Regional Detention Facility Project.

J. J. Hing

By: LaMantia

Texas Water Development Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Water Infrastructure Projects

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 2, 2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$45,151,674 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of funding various water infrastructure projects in the City of Beeville, Texas.

Required Action

1. On page VI-64 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$45,151,674 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VI-72 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

Water Infrastructure Projects. Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Water Development Board in General Revenue in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, in fiscal year 2024 is funding for the following water infrastructure projects in the following amounts:

- (a) \$7,100,000 for construction of a water transmission main at the Chase Field Naval Air Station.
- (b) \$6,951,674 for replacement of three ground water storage tanks.
- (c) \$1,500,000 for the installation of three back-up generators for water system booster pump stations.
- (d) \$4,600,000 for the replacement of an elevated water storage tank.
- (e) \$25,000,000 for construction of a new 22-mile water transmission main.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

By: Hinojosa

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider Delta Region Water Management Project

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Water Development Board by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue for a grant for the Delta Region Water Management Project with a new rider restricting funding in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for this purpose.

The Delta Region Water Management Project is a first-of-its-kind regional water supply project located in the northernmost areas of Hidalgo County and eastern Willacy County. This forward thinking reclamation project will capture and treat water from a major Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 (HCDD1) drainage outfall channel, unlocking a new water source for the region.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-64 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 2) On page VI-__ of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

____. **Delta Region Water Management Project.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the Delta Region Water Management Project.

By: Hinojosa

Water Development Board, Article VI

Proposed Funding and Rider Raymondville Drain Project

Overview

Increase appropriations in the bill pattern for the Water Development Board by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue for a grant for the Raymondville Drain Project with a new rider restricting funding in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for this purpose.

The purpose of the Raymondville Drain Project is to provide storm water management on a regional basis (ultimately contributing to improvements to watersheds of 3 counties) by providing a channel that connects to existing channels. The proposed 60-mile drainage system is designed to accommodate additional drainage capacity for 100-year floods with a system of in-line and off-line detention, retention, reservoirs, and control structures that stretches from Edinburg Lake in Hidalgo County to the Laguna Madre in Willacy County.

Required Action

- 1) On page VI-64 of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
- 2) On page VI-__ of the Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following rider:

____. **Raymondville Drain Project.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue should be used to provide a grant to the Raymondville Drain Project.

By: 

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview

This rider would increase current funding found in Strategy A.2.1, Technical Assistance and Modeling, by \$3,000,000 for the biennium above the existing appropriation to fund the existing Research and Planning fund created under Chapter 15 of the Water Code. This fund would be utilized by GCD's to conduct groundwater modeling and research.

Required Action

Insert the following rider:

X. Groundwater Research and Planning: Amounts appropriated above Strategy A.2.1, Technical Assistance and Modeling, include \$1,500,000 in 2024 and \$1,500,000 in 2025 out of the General Revenue Fund to support the research and planning fund created under Chapter 15, Water Code. The amounts of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2025 shall be used for administering the fund as required by Chapter 15.

By: 

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Proposed Funding and Rider

Overview

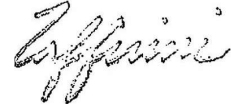
This rider would Increase current funding found in Strategy A.2.1, Technical Assistance and Modeling, by \$7,000,000 for the biennium above the existing appropriation. These funds would allow the board to collect more data on the availability of groundwater in Texas. Include the following rider:

Required Action

Insert the following rider:

X. Groundwater Availability Modeling: Amounts appropriated above Strategy A.2.1, Technical Assistance and Modeling, include \$3,500,000 in 2024 and \$3,500,000 in 2025 out of the General Revenue Fund to support groundwater availability modeling as required under Chapter 16, Water Code. The amounts of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2025 shall be used for administrative costs in implementing the modeling.

By Zaffirini



Texas Water Development Board, ARTICLE VI

Overview

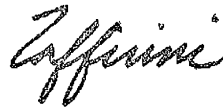
The following action adds a new rider that would add \$3 million per fiscal year over the biennium for a statewide water conservation awareness and education program. This was a major recommendation of the Water Conservation Advisory Committee.

Required Action

On Page VI-72 of Texas Water Development Board bill pattern, add the following new rider:

RIDER TITLE : Establishment of a statewide water conservation awareness and education program.

In addition to the funds appropriated above, the Texas Water Development Board is appropriated an additional \$3 million per fiscal year in Strategy A.3.1 (Water Conservation Education and Assistance) GR funds for the purpose of establishing a statewide water conservation awareness and education program. The program should be developed in a way that can easily be adopted by local water utilities and regional water entities for local implementation. TWDB may work with local utilities and water authorities as well as outside entities in developing and providing outreach in implementing the program.



By: Zaffirini

Texas Water Development Board
Proposed Funding and Rider
Statewide Water Infrastructure Funding

Prepared by LBB Staff, March 2, 2023

Overview

Increase General Revenue appropriations in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern by \$6,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the purpose of developing new water supply sources and investing in improvements to water infrastructure.

Required Action

1. On page VI-64 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, increase General Revenue funds in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, by \$6,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.
2. On page VI-72 of the Texas Water Development Board bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

_____. **Statewide Water Infrastructure Funding.** Included in amounts appropriated above is \$6,000,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for projects to develop new water supply sources and improve existing water infrastructure including but not limited to desalination projects and treatment plant and pump station construction. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2024, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024.

By Brendan Coughlin

Texas Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Flood Infrastructure Fund

Overview

The following action directs \$2 Billion in FY 2024 and 2025 to the Flood Infrastructure Fund. Regional flood plans have identified \$40 Billion in demand for flood mitigation projects across the state of Texas. Flooding is not a regional issue - it occurs all over Texas and the effects can be felt statewide. It is critical that we prioritize funding projects that can save lives and protect communities.

Required Action

1. On page VI-65 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Water Development Board's bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding to Strategy A.4.1, State and Federal Flood Programs, by \$1,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2025:

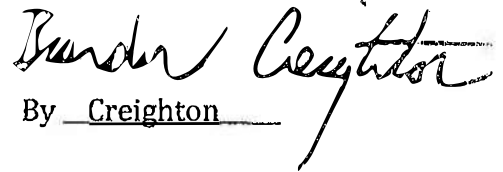
| | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| A.4.1. Strategy: State and Federal Flood Programs | \$53,087,023 | \$53,087,023 |
| | <u>\$1,053,087,023</u> | <u>\$1,053,087,023</u> |

1. On page VI-71 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within Water Development Board's bill pattern, amend the following rider:

21. Flood Funding. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategies A.4.1, State and Federal Flood Programs, and B.1.1, Statewide Flood Planning, is \$44,253,559 from the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund No. 175 (TIRF) each fiscal year of the 2022-232024-25 biennium and \$1,344,267 from the Flood Infrastructure Fund No. 194 (FIF) each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium, for flood preparedness and safety activities. Included in total appropriations in this strategy from TIRF is \$3,050,000 each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium in insurance maintenance taxes collected under Insurance Code Sec. 251.004 in the Floodplain Management sub-account. Any unobligated and unexpended balances in the Floodplain Management sub-account as of August 31, 2023, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, for the same purposes. The Texas Water Development Board shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by June 1st and December 1st of each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium showing expenditures from TIRF and FIF. The first report shall be filed by December 1, 2023.

Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.4.1, State and Federal Flood Programs, the Water Development Board shall grant \$1,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 to Flood Infrastructure Fund No. 194 to fund projects included in the Regional Flood Plans and Statewide Flood Plan.

The Texas Water Development Board shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by June 1st and December 1st of each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium showing expenditures from TIRF and FIF. The first report shall be filed by JuneDecember 1, 2023


By Creighton

**Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Funding Rider
Lake Houston and San Jacinto River Projects**

Overview

The following action directs \$50 million from FY 2024 to support dredging projects in Lake Houston and the San Jacinto River. Dredging removes accumulated sand, silt and other debris from waterways, increasing the capacity of rivers, lakes and reducing the risk of catastrophic flooding. This is a vital flood mitigation tool to protect numerous communities that live around Lake Houston.

Required Action

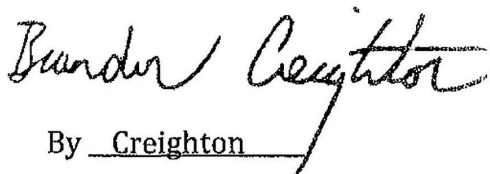
1. On page VI-64 of Senate Bill 1 as Introduced, within the Water Development Board's bill pattern, increase General Revenue funding to Strategy C.1.1, STATE & FEDERAL ASSIST PROGRAM, by \$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2024:

| | 2024 | 2025 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| C.1.1. Strategy: STATE & FEDERAL ASSIST PROGRAM | \$ 42,731,833 | \$11,510,410 |
| | <u>\$92,731,833</u> | |

2. On page VI-72 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

_____. Funding for Projects for the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston. Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Water Development Board in General Revenue in Strategy C.1.1, STATE AND FEDERAL FIN ASSIST PROGRAM, in FY 2024 is funding in the amount of \$50,000,000 for:

- (1) removing accumulated siltation and sediment deposits throughout the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston;
- (2) sediment capture pilot projects upstream of Lake Houston
- (3) structural and nonstructural improvements for the San Jacinto River and Lake Houston to convey future floodwaters.


By Creighton

Water Development Board, Article VI
Water Science Data Collection & Analysis

Overview

The following action adds a new rider, Water Science Data Collection & Analysis, to provide grant funding to Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District. This grant will provide funding for a very much needed site-specific subsidence investigation in Montgomery County. The funding will provide for the acquisition of subsidence measuring devices, including extensometers, as well as data collection and analysis tools. No accurate data currently exists to address the significant concerns of subsidence, accurate water-level monitoring, compaction, and flood risk in Montgomery County.

Required Action

1. On page VI-64 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern, increase General Revenue appropriations for Strategy A.1.1 Environmental Impact Information, in the amount of \$4,000,000 for FY 2024.
2. On page VI-72 of the Water Development Board's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Water Science Data Collection and Analysis.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Water Development Board in General Revenue in Strategy A.1.1, Environmental Impact Information, in FY 2024 is funding in the amount of \$4,000,000 to Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District or a site-specific subsidence investigation in Montgomery County, for the purpose of obtaining and developing accurate data related to subsidence, water-level monitoring, compaction and flood risk. Any unexpended balances remaining in this appropriation on August 31, 2024 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2024.

By: Perry

Texas Water Development Board, Article VI
Proposed Rider
Contingency for SB 837

Prepared by LBB Staff, February 27, 2023

Overview

Add two new riders as a contingency for SB 837. The first rider would appropriate \$XX from the Economic Stabilization Fund to the Comptroller for deposit into the water for Texas fund. The second rider would be informational and would describe the Water Development Board's access to the \$XX in the water for Texas fund.

Required Action

- 1) On page I-25 of the bill pattern for the Comptroller of Public Accounts, add the following rider:

_____ **Contingency for SB 837.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 837, or similar legislation of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, relating to financial assistance provided and programs administered by the Texas Water Development Board, becoming law and the constitutional amendment proposed by the Eighty-Eighth Legislature, Regular Session, creating the water for Texas fund to assist in financing water projects in this state being approved by the voters, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated \$XX from the Economic Stabilization Fund and instructed to transfer and deposit \$XX to the water for Texas fund established by Section 49-d-16, Article III, Texas Constitution.

- 2) On page VI-72 of the bill pattern for the Water Development Board, add the following new rider:

_____ **Contingency for SB 837.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 837, or similar legislation of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, relating to financial assistance provided and programs administered by the Texas Water Development Board, becoming law and the constitutional amendment proposed by the Eighty-Eighth Legislature, Regular Session, creating the water for Texas fund to assist in financing water projects in this state being approved by the voters, the Water Development Board is granted access to the water for Texas fund to implement the provisions of SB 837.

By: Perry/Senator Parker

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, ARTICLE VI
Proposed Funding and Rider
Centennial State Park Conservation Fund

Overview

With a burgeoning population and lack of park access, adding a significant investment in parkland acquisition could help Texas prepare for the coming decades.

The following action adds a new rider that would allocate funds to the Centennial State Park Conservation Fund.

The JR provides that the money in the centennial parks conservation fund may be used only “for the creation and improvement of state and local parks and the conservation of land, water, and soil in this state”.

The language of the enabling act is more tailored to the existing language of the Parks and Wildlife Code:
(1) acquire state park sites from the United States or any of its agencies, agencies of the state, or any other person;
(2) improve, develop, beautify, and equip acquired park sites; and
(3) provide grants to political subdivisions for local parks as provided by Chapter 24.

Required Action

On Page VI-39 of Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern, add the following new rider:

For D.1.4. Strategy: CENTENNIAL STATE PARK CONSERVATION FUND, \$XX is hereby appropriated contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill XX and Senate Joint Resolution XX, or similar legislation relating to the establishment of the Centennial State Park Conservation Fund.

On Page VI-52 of Texas Parks and Wildlife bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. **Contingency for Senate Bill XX.** Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill XX and Senate Joint Resolution XX, or similar legislation relating to the establishment of the Centennial State Park Conservation Fund, by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall allocate a total of \$XX from funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.4, to implement the provisions of the legislation.